

High School junior wins laboratory's Gordy Award and employment offer

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ROME, N.Y. — Jennifer Bagetis, a junior at Poland Central School, was named recipient of the Irv Gordy Award for her exhibit at the 22nd Annual Utica College Regional Science Fair on April 1. The award, presented by the Air Force Research Laboratory Information Directorate, was based on her science fair project titled, "Gyroscopic Physics."

Eugene Blackburn, chief of the directorate's Information Technology Division, presented the award on behalf of director Raymond P. Urtz and chief scientist John A. Graniero. The award, which includes a plaque and an offer of summer employment at the Information Directorate, was the result of specific judging by a group of Rome Research Site engineers and scientists.

Second place for the Irv Gordy Award went to Thomas Dubeck, a junior at Notre Dame High School, Utica, for a project titled, "How Fast Can You Ski?" Honorable mention plaques were presented to Austin Bonser, a ninth grade student at Poland Central School for a project titled, "Which Tire is Best?" and to Neal Liddle, a Poland junior, for a project called, "Infrared Circumferencing."

Blackburn also presented a number of other exhibitors at the Regional Science Fair with Merit Certificates as a result of their projects.

The Irv Gordy Award is named for an engineer with Rome Air Development Center who was active in youth science fairs in the 1950s and 1960s. Gordy was often called the "Mr. Wizard of Rome" because of his ability to find items that area youth were able to utilize in science fair projects.

Merit Award Certificates, recognizing the efforts of 37



FOR A JOB WELL DONE — Eugene Blackburn, chief of the Information Technology Division of Air Force Research Laboratory Information Directorate, presents the Irv Gordy Winner's Plaque to Jennifer Bagetis, a junior at Poland Central School, following the 22nd Annual Utica College Regional Science Fair April 1.

students at both the high school and junior high level, were also presented. @